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SUBJECT: IVORIAN CANDIDATE FOR DEPUTY DIRECTOR GENERAL
OF WIPO

REF: (A) ABIDJAN 441; (B) GENEVA 7506; (C) STATE 12586

1. THERE ARE NINE CANDIDATES FOR THE POST OF WIPO DEPUTY
DIRECTOR GENERAL FROM DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. THE THREE
LEADING CANDIDATES APPEAR TO BE (A) K. CHAUDHURI (INDIA),
(B) J. M. RODRIGUEZ-PADILLA (CUBA), AND (C) MADAME K. L.
LIGUER-LAUBHOUET (IVORY COAST).

2. THE DEPARTMENT, THE COPYRIGHT OFFICE (BARBARA RINGER,
REGISTER OF COPYRIGHTS), AND THE PATENT OFFICE HAVE CARE-
FULLY EVALUATED THE QUALIFICATIONS OF THESE CANDIDATES
AND THEIR BACKGROUND IN RELATION TO THE PRESENT AND FUTURE
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COMPOSITION OF THE WIPO DIRECTORATE. IN THIS CONNECTION

THE EMBASSY'S COMMENTS ABOUT MADAME LIGUER-LAUBHOUET IN PARAGRAPH 3 OF REFTEL (A) HAVE BEEN VERY HELPFUL. WE HAVE CONCLUDED THAT THE BEST CANDIDATE FROM USG VIEWPOINT IS THE IVORIAN CANDIDATE.

3. THE EMBASSY MAY INFORM GOIC THAT USG INTENDS TO SUPPORT MADAME LIGUER-LAUBHOUET FOR THE POST OF WIPO DEPUTY DIRECTOR GENERAL AT THE MEETING OF THE WIPO COORDINATING COMMITTEE FEBRUARY 18. FURTHER, THE GOIC MAY USE OUR SUPPORT

IN ANY APPROPRIATE WAY THAT MAY ADVANCE THE CANDIDACY OF MADAME LIGUER-LAUBHOUET. FINALLY, THE EMBASSY MAY ASK GOIC OFFICIALS IF THEY HAVE ANY SUGGESTIONS AS TO OTHER MEMBER STATES OF WIPO THAT THE USG MIGHT APPROACH. WE WILL BE PLEASED TO CONSIDER THEM AND WILL KEEP THE EMBASSY INFORMED ABOUT ANY DEVELOPMENTS IN THIS REGARD.

4. AS INDICATED IN REFTEL (C) TO GENEVA (REPEATED ABIDJAN), WE ARE PROCEEDING CAUTIOUSLY IN INDICATING USG SUPPORT FOR MADAME LIGUER-LAUBHOUET SO AS TO AVOID ANY EROSION OF HER CANDIDACY AS LDC DEP DIR GEN THAT MIGHT RESULT FROM OVERT SUPPORT FROM DEVELOPED COUNTRIES. KISSINGER

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